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January Statement

Heywood Oil Co.

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SHARP RALLY IN STOCKS AT CLOSE OF A QUIET DAY.

MARKET IS DECIDEDLY IR-REGULAR IN TONE.

Copper and Sugar Traverse Wide Range, Making Only Fractional Net Gains.

New York, Feb. 19.-The principal activity in to-day's stock market was concentrated in the final bour, when Union Pacific and St. Paul, after lying quiescent all day, were suddenly pressed about a point over last night. At the same time there was an urgent demand developed for Tennessee Coal, the reason for which was not explained, but which carried the price 3%c over last but which carried the price 3½c over last night. These movements, coming on top of desultory advances in a number of stocks not usually prominent, induced a hardening tendency all around and disposed the shorts to cover. The earlier strong points meantime suffered from realizing, so that the closing was irregular, but inactive. The speculative activity was confined to the high-priced industrials and the stocks of small railroad systems up to that time. The movement in Sugar and Amalgamated Copper was very erratic, and after traversing a wide range they closed the day with net gains of only a fraction.

Dealings in Steel Are Large.

The dealings in the United States Steel stocks were very large and buying by brokers usually used by syndicate interests was

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on a large scale, but the speculative public refrained from following this initiative, which was supposed to be based upon the tentative proposition to convert the preferred stock into a 5 per cent bond. The movement in the preferred stock was very narrow. The Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville stocks and the Evansville and Terre Haute stocks made sensational advances on the belief that they are to be included in a coming consolidation. The United States Rubber stocks were moved upward on the basis of the wet weather, which increased the demand for the company's goods. There were wild movements in other minor stocks, some showing new strength and others dropping back sharply after recent unexplained advances.

General Market Reactionary. on a large scale, but the speculative pub-

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The general market was inclined to be reactionary during the morning, the Readings especially showing the effect of profit taking. The question of gold exports tomorrow was an open one all day, and the decision not to send gold was an influence in the late raily. Rates for money are unchanged, but the undertone is firm. The flow of funds from the interior to this center has become small. The fact is evident that syndicates and large capitalists are filling up the resources of the money market as closely as possible by taking up the greater part of the available credits, and the professional speculator with borrowed money on margin knows from hard experience that his convenience is the last to be consulted, while other requirements are to be met in the money market. With the uncertainties of the Northern Securities case and the coming dubious period regarding the next wheat crop, speculators are disposed to go cautiously. There is a continued good demand for bonds of various grades, but the movement of prices continues irregular, owing to occasional pronttaking. The general tendency, however, was firm. Total salest, par value, 2,685,600. United States refunding Ts advanced % per cent on the last call.

NEW YORK CURB MARKET. Day's Trading Is Dull and Irregular

Any Appears at the Close.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 1s. —The curb market to-day opened firm in tone, but with very dull ceatings. Early tracing was limited to a few issues and price changes were small. The macer market developed good improvement, with ceatings somewhat honder. The miceday session and early afterneous were extremely cull, and toward the close some irregularity developed. The close showed fair steadiless, in spite of irregular price changes. Total transactions were estimated as in the neighborhood of Lyon shares.

Northern Securities was active and strong, with nearly 4,000 shares changes and strong, with nearly 4,000 shares changes in the reacted to 165%. About 1,000 shares of American Can common sold at 15% 15%, and a share reacted to 165%. About 1,000 shares of American Can common sold at 15% 15%, and a share amount of the preferred sold at 55% 15%, and a 15m owne 112,500 which.

Tracing in Metropolitan issues was small and prices eased off. Metropolitan securities dropped to 21101d, with no trades reported, and the figure sold at 15% 15%. Standard Oil sold at 65% for 10 shares. Greene Comelidated Copper sold at 65% for 10 shares. Greene Comelidated Copper sold at 65% for 10 shares. Eight hundred shares of Teamessee Copper sold at 150% 15% and 100 shares of Corn Product ordered sold at 55%.

Yesterday's Bank Clearings. Tenterday's Clearing bases statement showed clearings, \$5,535,820; bnlances, \$1,143,433, compared with clearings, \$5,583,480; belances, \$1,035,171 Tuesday.

Wall Street Gossip.

Reported by Francis, Bro. & Co., 214 North Fourth street!

London traded in only 3,900 shires to-day in this murket, the purchases, which were chiefly Inited States Steel and Baltimore and Onlo, siightly exceeding the sales, Early advices from London reported that buyers there were disposed to hold out for the present. Some of the large operators here thouseld the two the friend mining speculation would bear watching, meaning it is impossible to tell for a moment how far liquidation might so. In last four heavy Wall street huying orders were put on market, principally Union Pacific, Monon, T. C. I. and antiractic shares.

Two reasons given on the exchange for improved sentiment was the expectation that there would be a favorable bank statement on Friday, and that the financial interest feel sure of a favorable decision by Supreme Court in the Northern Securities case. There was good buying of Northern Securities on ourb. There was material shrinkars of business on the early market and fewer brokers than usual were present. They stood about in groups inquiring for news and had plenty of leisure between orders.

The explanation generally offered for this state of things is that the market will be better and they are waiting for stimulating developments to occur. At the same time, according to some brokers, the unwillingness of many professionals to sell was regarded as a cood skim. The anti-thracite shares were somewhat reactionary, operators who have been taking the largest amounts of stock recently apparently thinking that time had come to wait until they see what the officials of the United Mine Workers' Association intend to do while in this city. There was some profit-taking in Reading by Philadelphila houses.

It was reported that a poel was operating in Baltimore and Ohlo common, in which both Americans and Englishmen are interested. This was held to account for the incurry for these shares in London. No effort was made to do much in the shares to-day in the face of the general apathy to buy anything. Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, which was fairly strong at the start, was bought by brokers frequently employed by leading bankers, and the stories were revived that the company might be leased to the Southern Railway, and that a dividend on the common is about to be paid.

NEW USES FOR BEAUMONT OIL. Many By-Products Add to Value of the

Many By-Products Add to Value of the Texas Article.

It has been proved by test that the Beaumont off contains about 15 per cent of pure white aluminum and there is now in operation at Port Arthur, the second largest relinery in the world, owned by the Guffey Petroleum Company, now producing aluminating oil for general use throughout the Southern States.

It has also been shown that the by-product, such as benzine, naphtha, lubricating oil, add materially to the value of the product as a refinable oil, One of the inreet asphalt companies in the country is using the oil in the cride state, after desulbaurizing it, as an admixture in the material use of asphalt paving. It has been shown that Beaumont oil is much cheaper when used to smelt iron than its eld rival, coal.

The substitution of oil as fuel and emelting is already in practical operation with the Pacific Coal and Reining Company and the Mountain Copper Company in California. At the United Verde a satisfactory handling of oil is being had, on the property of Senator Clark. At Santiago, Cal., a small smelter is being constructed in which it is listended to use oil in the smelting of copper and iron. It is reported that several of the large companies of Herumont are investigating the opportunities for the use of Beaumont oil in various large reduction works throughout the country.

Houston Oil Stock Sales.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Horston, Tex. Feb. 19.—Sales to-day amounted to nearly 125.00 shares and there were good increases in many of he sing ext. The forg expected boom in two or three of the stocks her at last come. Two thousand American, 18.12 1.00 (lobe, 18-c; 26.20 Anglo-American, 18.12 2.20 Confederate, 18.26.14; 19.0 Burlan, 18.26.26; 26.20 Anglo-American, 18.12 1.00 Golden, 18-c; 26.20 Anglo-American, 18.12 1.00 Confederate, 18.26.14; 19.0 England, 19.25 1.00 Confederate, 18.26.14; 19.0 German, 18.4 18.12 1.00 Falestine-Beaumont, 28.4 1.00 Figure, 10.00 Victor, 18.20 1.20 Confederate, 18.26.14; 19.0 Massiemp, 12.00 Inc. September 18.00 National, 18.1 10 Massiemp, 12.00 Inc. September 18.00 National, 18.1 10 Massiemp, 12.00 Inc. September 18.00 National, 18.1 10 Massiemp, 12.00 Inc.

New York, Feb. 19. Sales of bonds were made here to-day as follows: First Call. \$815 E.000 L 4s... 5,000 1 & A 30....

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BOND SALES AT NEW YORK.

REGULATION OF OIL STORAGE. REPUBLIC SPECIAL of the Appellate Court to-day, a city or 21,500 K & M 27 53 S1,500 K & M 27 53 S11-97 83% 10014

of the Appellate Court to-day, a city or village has the right to enact an ordinance prombiting the storing of oils or exposives within certain districts. The case in which the opinion was rendered comes from Vermillon County. The city of Danville passed an ordinance providing that not more than five barrels of oil might be stored within 1,000 feet of any private residence or business house in the municipality. The Standard Oil Company violated the ordinance and dence or business house in the municipality. The Standard Oil Company violated the or dinance and in defense of prosecution, maintained that the city had no constructional right to emeet such a measure. The Appellate Court upholds the ordinance, Opinions were field and decisions handed down in the Appellate Court to-day as follows:

Affirmed—Colson vs. Linn. Colson vs. Rush. Meyer, admr. vs. Meyer: Abruns vs. Rideout et al., City of Rusdmasse vs. Microell. Schininge vs. Lemox. Fieler vs. Paston Dunacombe et al. vs. Paston-company vs. Rodler: Virgin vs. Virgin Chicago and Eastern illinois Railroad Company vs. Randoph. Youngsreen vs. Shelton. Kelliv vs. Morris: Myers vs. Ellovi; Standard Oil Comoany vs. City of Danville; Trimbie vs. First Nail rad Bank of Beardatown. Smith vs. McLennan; Catron vs. Scrips; People ex rel. vs. Spencer et al.: Chicago and Alton Railroad Company vs. Carson: Springfield Conselliated Railway Company vs. Putenny: Fire Insurance Company vs. Sinsabaugh; Bea et al. vs. Reversed and Remanded With Directions—Carpenter, receiver, vs. Fearman; Edman et al. vs. Christen State Bank. Reversed and Remanded—Cincinnatt, Hamilton and Bayton Railroad Company vs. Carson: Springfield Conselliated Railway Company vs. Putenny: Fire Insurance Coupany vs. Sinsabaugh; Bea et al. vs. Christen State Bank. Reversed and Remanded—Cincinnatt, Hamilton and Bayton Railroad Company vs. Carson: Springfield Conselliated Railway Company vs. Putenny: Fire Insurance Coupany with Endium of Facts—Battimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway Company vs. Driskeli.

Reversed—Foster vs. People: plaintiff discharged.

Chargest.
Aftirmed in Part and Reversed in Part-Lima
Lake Drainage District vs. Hunt Drainage Dis-Beaumont OH Stocks Sold.

Beaumont, Tex. Feb. 19.—The following off stocks were sold here to-day: 1,000 shares Anglo-American Tag. 42,500 Anglo-American Tag. 42,500 Anglo-American Tag. 1 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 1 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 1 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 12 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 12 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 12 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 12 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 10 Citizen's Consolidated Sig. 10 Citizen's 25,00 National Oil and Pipe Line Sig. 1,00 Na. 2016 National Oil and Pipe Line Sig. 1,00 Na. 2016 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Silver Dime Sc. 150 National Oil and Pipe Line Sc. 150 Nation

MEMORY MRS. M. A. E. M'LURE. Resolutions Are Passed by Daugh-

ters of the Confederacy. St. Louis Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, of which she was the president, has passed resolutions expressing sorrow for the death of Mrs. Margaret A. E. McLure, who recently passed away. The tribute follows:

tribute follows:

In the death of our president, Mrs. McLure, who was ever faithful to the cause sine esponsed, who was always ready to aid the unfortunate of the "Lest Cause." who was wise in councile, and who always did "what her hands found to do," we recognize the loss of one whose piace must ever remain wacant. By her genial, bright and loving presence she endeared herself to the members of this association. Lone will be remembered the kindly cheering smile that always accompanied her greeting when she met with the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Thou art gone to the grave but thy work shall not perish.

This work which the spirit of wisdom hath blessed:

His strength shall sustain it, His comfort shall cherich,
And make it to prosper, though thou art at rest,

S. H. RAINWATER,

S. H. RAINWATER, CELESTE PINA, LAURA E. CHANDLER, E. R. Gamble, Secretary. Knights of Pythias Celebration.

REPUBLIG SPECIAL.

Trenton, Ill., Feb. 12.—The members of the local ledge of Pythians celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the order in the Turner Hall this evening. The principal addresses were delivered by W. S. Louden and Professor J. A. Freeman. A literary and musical programme was also presented.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 19.—William Black, a farmer, driving a load of hay into a werehouse this afternoon, was caught between the top of the doorway and the load and his back broken. Physicians say he will die, or be a helpless cripple if he lives.

STEEL MAGNATE ORGANIZES PRODUCERS' COMPANY, THE MOST POWERFUL IN BEAUMONT FIELD.

relegram From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of Feb. 15, 1902.

Municipal Bonds for safe investments negotiated. Foreign Exchange bought and d. I. etters of Credit and Travelers' Checks issued, available in the principal cities Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 15 - John W. Gates s at the head of a syndicate of capitalists that has acquired great property holdings in HENRY KAISER. F. W. REIPSCHLAEGER, JOHN B. WOESTMAN. he oil fields.

GATES HEADS OIL SYNDICATE.

Mr. Gates came down from Chicago last Saturday night in his private car, via the iron Mountain and Kansas City Southern routes. His coming to Beaumont was accomplished so quietly that not a half dozen persons in the town knew that he was within a thousand miles of the oil field. Mr. Gates seems to think that there are millions in the Beaumont field, for he has interested his closest friends in this new

The company has acquired all the available gusher land on Spindle Top, nearly fourteen acres, and has four gushers and six drilling. Mr. Gates has options on five tank steamers for transporting the company's off to Atlantic Coast points, and evidently the proposition has been thoroughly worked

MEETING OF FRIENDS

Attorney Given Campbell Recog-

nizes Henry F. Mueller While

Examining Him as Witness.

Attorney Given Campbell yesterday, in examining Henry P. Mueller, a witness, in

Judge Ferriss's division of the Circuit

a few questions he interrupted the line of

"Are you the same Mr. Mueller who used

to keep a cigar stand under the old Plant-

"I did not ask that as a matter of evi-dence," said Mr. Campbell, "but out of cu-ricity. I used to buy cigars from you."

The incident occurred shortly before the court adjourned for the day. Mr. Campbell stated, after the court closed, that he had not seen Mr. Mueller since the Civil War.

tst year's river season. Mr. Campbell rep

Legislate on Matter.

"I did not think, Mr. Campbell," marked Judge Ferriss, smiling, "that you began to smoke so early."

not seen for nearly forty years. After the attorney had asked the witness

examination, and asked:

same man.

ers' Hotel before the war?"

The witness replied that he

deal.

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to which above dispatch refers, is capitalized with \$1,509,000, divided into 15,000 shares, fully paid and nonassessable, at \$100.00 per share. It

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THE BEAUMONT INVESTMENT CO.,

Suite 216 E Lincoln Trust, St. Louis, Mo.

RIVER NEWS.

The suit is a claim of Alexander Lamont against the St. Louis and Hamburg Trans-portation Company for \$455.60 for salary as Rise and Fall of the Rivers For 24 hours ending at 7 a. m.: St. Louis, Wednesday, captain of the steamer India Givens during resents tyer season. Mr. campbell represents Capain Lamont, who claims he was to receive \$75 a month.

The defense is an aneged understanding that unless the boat paid Captain Lamont was not to receive any salary. It was stated that money was lost by the running of the boat. The trial was not finished yesterday, and will be resumed to-day. Nashville
Chattaneoga
Florence
Johnsonville
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Peorla Court Holds Cities Have Right to Frozen Frozen 4.2 3.3 13.0 19.5 2.7 20.2 1.6 20.0 Kanens City.... Springfield, Ill. Feb. 19 .- According to an opinion handed down in the Third District

R. J. HYATT. River Forecast.

The river at St. Louis will show slight River and Business.

The stage of water in the harbor yesterday as indicated by unofficial sauges was 4.2 feet, showing a fall of 1 of a foot in the last 25 hours. There were no shipments or receptls of freight by river yesterday.

Weather fair and cold.

To-Day's Weather. Fair and probably colder.

River Righto Brevities.

Captain Joseph F. Browniski, superintendent of railway floating stock at Joppa, is an applicant for membership in the Minaissippl and Ohio Rivers Pilots' Society.

—All the ferries, with the exception of these at Carr street and North Market street, were running yesterday. The tugs have broken the ice in the channel south from the Eads Bridge to Barton street.

—River men are predicting that the present freeze-up of the river here will be the last this scaron. Thawing in the Upper Mississippl and Missouri River valleys, followed by rain, it is said, will give a good stage of water from St. Louis to New Orleans. Opening of navigation to points in the short trade, at least, is expected not later than the middle of March.

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REPUBLIC SPECIALS.

Calro, Ill., Feb. 19.—The river continues declining rapidly, considering the present stage of water. The gauge reads 12.5 feet, a fall of 1.4 feet during the last 14 hours. The weather is cold, freezing, cloudy and threatening rain or snow. The Fred Hantweg arrived from Humphrey's Creek last night with a barge of coal, which was taken from the sunken barge dropped there recently by Joseph R. Williams. The barge is a total loss, but nearly all the coal will be saved. The Georgia Lee with a good trip got away at 10:29 last night for Memphis with a good trip. The Charlotte Bocckeler arrived at \$a\$ a. m. from the Lower Mississippl with 2 barges of pulpwood for Cinclinaati. She will return south to-morrow. The H. F. Frisibic from the south arrived at 6a. m. with 2 barges of bumber and 1 barge of wood, the latter far Muncle Pullo Company. She will return south to-morrow, followed by the Fritz. The Herman Papacke departed for the Lower Mississippl at 6a. m. with emples. The Dick Fowler arrived at 5.20 p. m. with a fair trip. Storemains over until midnight to take an opera business on account of forth the trib. Storemains over until midnight to take an opera business on account of forth the trib. The Herman Papacke departed of water between Cairo, St. Louis and Cheinnati. It is thought, however, with the advent of warmer weather in a few days, with a rain and a consequent rise in the rivers that the cores will let go. The mammeth Halliday & Phillips wharf-beat will be traved to Mound City to-morrow to be docked. Filed W. W. Wood went to his home in Shawnectown to-day by rail.

Momphis, Tenn, Feb. 19.—The river bere stands 10.5 feet on the rause, a fell of 2 feet in the last 24 hours. The New South from New Orienta-passed full last right at 12 o'clock, bound for Cincinnati with \$40 tons freight and her cabin full of passengers. She dischared here 285 barrels molasses an

ceipta by river to-day were 75 bales cotton, 4 bags seed cotton and 357 sacks cotton seed.
Paducah, Ky., Feb. 19.—River mure this evening reads 19 feet. The Clyde from the Tennessee River arrived at 11 o'clock last night and will return at 5 o'clock to-morrow evening. The Hick Fewler for Cairo at 230 this morning. The H. W. Buttorff from Clarkswille arrived at 6.20 this morning and left for Nashville at 1 n. m. Ice in the Unser Ohlo still cuts out navigation, and from the present outlook of the weather there is no telling when business in that river will be resumed.

Madison, Ind., Feb. 19.—Navigation was suspended here ten days are by heavy floating left from shore to shore and the crease below have caused a rise of 2 feet since yesterday. Beats in not: Colden Gate, Juniata and Spread Eagle, Fair and cold.

Grand Tower Ill. Feb. 19.—The rauge reads 4.2 feet and s'ationary. Weather cloudy and cool. Pittsburre Pa. Feb. 19.—River 4 feet, stationary. Clear and cold.

Wheeling, W. Va. Feb. 19.—River closed, with 2 feet 4 inches and stationary. Clear and cold.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 19.—River falling: in canal, 4 feet 5 inches; on falle 2 feet 3 inches; below tooks, 7 feet 3 inches. Clear and cold.

Butlington, La., Feb. 19.—The river is 8 inches above low-water mark of 1944 and on a stand. Fair and cold.

Care Girardeau, Mo., Feb. 19.—River on a stand. Weather colder and cloudy, threatening stand. Weather colder and cloudy, threatening stand.

THE WEATHER. Predictions for To-Day and To-Morrow Announced.

Washington, Feb. 19. Forecast:
Eastern Texas Fair Thursday, with colder in
southwest portion; Friday fair; fresh to brisk
northwest winds on the coast.
Oklahoma and Indian Territory-Fair Thursday
and Friday; north winds.
Arkansas-Fair Thursday and Friday; northwest winds.
Missouri and Illinois-Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

day; variable winds.
Western Texas-Fair Thursday and Friday;
north winds. Nebraska and Kansas Partly cloudy Thurs-day and Friday; variable winds. Local Report.

St. Louis, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1902. 6:59 a.m. 6:50 p.m. Thermometer, degrees,
Humidity
Direction of wind......

Government Report.

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Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.—
Meteorological observations received at St. Louis February 19, 1902, at 5:59 n. m. local time and S p m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations made at the same moment of time at all stations.

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PRICE OF BROOMS ADVANCED. Manufacturers to Charge 25 Cents

a Dozen More for All Grades. Chicago, Feb. 19.-Delegates of the Broom Manufacturers' Association of the United States, at the conclusion of their two days' special meeting here to-day, raised the price special meeting here to-day, raised the price of all brooms 25 cents a dozen.

The manufacturers have conferred with broom-corn brokers and were told that less than 15 per cent of this year's crop was still in the hands of the farmers and that there would be no new crop for eight months. The dealers had previously advanced prices 25 per cent to meet the situation, and to-day a hard fight was made to make the advance 55 cents a dozen. This was deemed too radical, however, and the Executive Committee of the association was empowered to make a further advance up to the limit of 55 cents a dozen, in case the situation warrants such action.

MEMORIAL FUND IS GROWING. R. C. Kerens Expects to Raise \$25,000 in Missouri.

Cleveland, Feb. 19 -That public interest in the McKinley national memorial is on